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SUBJECT: GOF REACTION TO HARTMAN TESTIMONY ON CSCE

REF: HELSINKI 1045

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1. DEPARTMENT UNFAMILIAR WITH GOF SOURCE OF INFORMATION ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN'S TESTIMONY ON MAY 6 BEFORE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON POLITICAL MILITARY AFFAIRS BUT IS CONCERNED WITH OBVIOUSLY ERRONEOUS GO? INTERPRETATION OF THAT PORTION DEALING WITH TIMING OF STAGE III OF CSCE, AS REPORTED PARA FOUR REFTEL.

2. EMBASSY EXPLANATION TO PEKURI EMINENTLY CORRECT. FOL-
LOWING EXCERPTS ARE TAKEN FROM OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF
HEARINGS AND ARE THE ONLY REFERENCES TO TIMING OF STAGE III
IN ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN'S TESTIMONY:

QUOTE. MR. FASCELL (SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN)--WHAT DOES THE
CONFERENCE SEE AS THE TERMINATION OF STAGE II?

MR. HARTMAN--AGREEMENT ON THESE TEXTS, AND THAT COULD COME
ABOUT AS EARLY AS MID-JUNE. THE FINNS HAVE TOLD US IT WILL
TAKE THEM ABOUT SIX WEEKS TO GET PREPARED FOR A MEETING AT
STAGE III, WHICH WOULD BE THE MEETING...

(SUBSEQUENTLY)

MR. FASCELL--WHEN A SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION OF STAGE II OR
CONSENSUS HAS BEEN REACHED, THEN A DECISION WILL BE
REACHED AS TO HOW STAGE III WILL BE SET?

MR. HARTMAN--WELL, IT IS DECIDED IT WILL BE IN HELSINKI,
AND ITS JUST A QUESTION OF HOW LONG IT TAKES THE FINNS TO
GET ORGANIZED....UNQUOTE. EMBASSY SHOULD PROVIDE COPY OF
THESE EXCERPTS TO MFA.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED RETURN TO SUBJECT WITH PEKURI ASAP
AND MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS: (1) US REJECTS FIRMLY ANY
ALLEGATION THAT US IS CRITICAL OF FINNISH PREPARATION FOR
STAGE III HELSINKI MEETING; (2) HARTMAN RESPONSES READ
TOGETHER CANNOT BE REASONABLY INTERPRETED IN ANY WAY TO
IMPLY THAT GOF DELAYING PROGRESS ON STAGE III; (3) ON CON-
TRARY, US HAS BEEN FULLY SATISFIED WITH FINNISH PARTICI-
PATION IN EVERY PHASE OF CSCE BOTH ON SUBSTANTIVE AND
ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES, INCLUDING PRELIMINARY PLANNING
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CARRIED OUT THUS FAR FOR STAGE III.

4. REQUEST EMBASSY CABLE GOF RESPONSE TO THIS DEMARCHE.
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